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" 6 " " 4 " " "

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, March 22, 1882.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 17th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000.

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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COCHINARD, Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed Agents for the

MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA

at Yokohama, at this Port.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed

SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their

GOODS by Messrs KYNOCHE & Co. of

Warron, near Birmingham.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1881.

Auctions.

NOTICE OF SALE.

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

TO BE SOLD ON

WEDNESDAY,

the 26th day of April, 1882, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, on the Premises,—

By Order of the Mortgagee under a Power of Sale reserved in an Indenture of Mortgage, dated 16th July, 1881,

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND,

Registered in the Land Office as THE

REMAINING PORTION OF SECTION

4 OF MARINE LOT No. 37, together

with the Substantial and well-built

Pharmacies thereon, being Nos. 61, 62, 63 and

64, Praya West, held under a Crown

Lease, dated the 13th day of April, 1866,

for the term of 999 years, subject to the

usual covenants and conditions in the

said Crown Lease contained.

For Particulars of the Property and Conditions of Sale, apply to

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON,

Mortgagee's Solicitors,

SUPREME COURT HOUSE;

or, to the AUCTIONEER,

Mr. J. M. ARMSTRONG,

47, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, April 19, 1882.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

ENGLISH AND CHINESE-MADE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

PIANO, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 27th April, 1882, at 2 p.m., at "Parson's

Villa," the Residence of J. S. BREWER, Esq.,

The whole of his

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

comprising:—

ENGLISH WALNUT-MADE CRETONE-COVERED

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, BLACK WOOD

MARBLE-TOP CENTRE TABLE, WHATNOTS,

LACE CURTAINS, MIRRORS, CHROMOS, FENDERS

and Chairs of Drawings, RUSS, CARPETS,

LAUNDS' SEDAN CHAIRS.

Also,

IRON BRISTLES, MARBLE-TOP WASHING

STAND, TOILET TABLE and GLASS, WARDROBES

and Chests of Drawings, RUSS, CARPETS,

LAUNDS' SEDAN CHAIRS.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the

Sale, and the Furniture will be on view on

Wednesday, the 26th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

G. R. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 21, 1882.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

Messrs W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS, THEREFALL'S

EXPORT PALE ALE, and FINDLATER'S

DUBLIN STOUT in Pints and Quarts.

Fine OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen.

Also,

SILLERY MOUSSEUX (VIN DE CHAMPAGNE), in Cases 2 dozen Pints and 1

dozen Quarts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s

CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....\$17 per doz. Case.

Pints.....\$18 per doz. Case.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

FOR SALE.

ABOUT 2,000 lbs. MILLER & RICHARD'S

Extra-hard Metal BOURGEOIS

TYPE, No. 19, (somewhat worn but in

fairly good condition).

Apply to

OFFICE OF THIS PAPER,

Hongkong, July 22, 1881.

FOR SALE.

A. RAUTER MAINZ

DELICIOUS

TABLE BEER.

4 doz. 6 Case CHAMPAGNE BOTTLES.

\$10.....\$ Case.

Apply to

SANDER & Co.

Hongkong, March 30, 1882.

Tenth Volume of the

"CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 4.—Vol. X.

—OF THE—

"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

The A-MI-44 Ching.

A Page in the History of China.

"The Delegates' Version" and Mr. Giles.

Residence in the Interior and the Transit

Trade.

Notices of New Books and Literary Intel.

Notes and Queries.

Slavery in China.

Rotation of Departmental Duty at

Peking.

Quarrels' Emblems" and the Lok U.

Limit of Responsibility for Effects of

Wounds according to Chinese Law.

"Sui" and "Tsu."

A Correction.

Errata: Chinese Oaths in Borneo and

Java.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

Hongkong, March 17, 1882.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

BRANDAUER'S CELEBRATED CIRCULAR POINTED

PENS,—do not scratch the Paper, nor spurt the Ink.

CHUBB'S SAFES,—afford perfect protection against

Fire and Burglars.

PIANOS by BROADWOOD & COLLARD,

—are the favorite Instruments

in London.

DRAUGHT BEER by BASS.

BOTTLED BEER by FOSTER & SONS.

BORDEAUX WINES, bottled by ABET-SEWARD & Co.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Are Special Agents for the Sale of the above.

Hongkong, April 12, 1882.

To Let.

TO LET.

OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD

CENTRAL

Nos. 4 and 5, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to

DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, March 24, 1882.

TO LET.

(WITH POSSESSION ON THE 1st MAY.)

THE New FAMILY RESIDENCE situ-

ated next to EXCELSIOR on Robinson

Road, replete with every convenience,

TENNIS LAWNS, STABLES, &c.

Also,

8 FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS of all Sizes—

Water-side. Inspection is invited.

Apply to

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON.

Hongkong, April 3, 1882.

TO LET.

COMMODOUS OFFICES and Com-

modious QUARTERS, with or

without GODOWNS, in Peddar's Wharf

Buildings, at present in the occupation of

Messrs HENNE & Co. View of the Harbour.

Possession to be had from the 1st May

next.

Apply to

G. R. LAMBERT.

Hongkong, April 5, 1882.

TO LET—FURNISHED.

(WITH POSSESSION IN MAY.)

N. O. 2, COLLEGE GARDENS.

Apply to

J. ROSS ANTON.

Hongkong, April 18, 1882.

Intimations.

WANTED.

A HOUSE or BUNGALOW containing

at least 6 Rooms. Immediate Posses-

sion. Apply stating Terms to

Care of THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, April 20, 1882.

COLONEL LEE AUSTIN'S NEW

AMERICAN REPEL RANGE,

UNITED CLUB, STATION STREET, opposite

The Union Church.

Popular Prices:

FOUR SHOTS for.....25 Cents.

Gallery open daily from 4 to 12 p.m., to

all respectable Members of the Community.

Hongkong, April 17, 1882.

NOTICE.

D. R. GEORGE ON LEE left London

on 18th March per S. S. Glenes, and

is expected to arrive in Hongkong on 28th

April.

Hongkong, April 18, 1882.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE—1881,

IN LIQUIDATION.

THE LIQUIDATORS having decided to

Pay a FIRST DIVIDEND of \$500

per SHARE (being on account of Capital and

Reserve Fund), Shareholders are hereby

notified that the said Sum will be paid them

on their handing their SHARE CERTIFICATES

to the Undersigned for Endorsement.

F. B. JOHNSON, Liquidators.

Elder and Co., on the 21st Jan., steamed down the river early on the 15th inst., as we announced she would do in our last issue, and adjusted compasses. She will have her official trial trip on the 18th inst., and then proceed to China direct from the Clyde. This fine vessel elicited much admiration from those who saw her steaming down the river, and her fine lines and great power are considered a guarantee that

the expected speed of 18 knots will be more than realised. She is 436 feet long, 50 feet beam, and 33 feet in depth, and 4,300 tons register. Her engines are of Messrs Elders three cylinder type, and will indicate over 7,000-horse power.

TRAMWAY-STREET INDUSTRIES, by Percy Russell.—This Illustrated Pamphlet on Perfumery, &c., published at 6d., may be had gratis from any Chemist or dealer in perfumery in the world, or JOHN GOSNELL & Co., London.—[Advt.]

Quotations.

Hongkong, April 24.

OPIMUM—New Patna, cash...£565 a 570
 " Old cash,... 545 a 547½
 " Old Bonares, cash,... 545 a 547½
 " Old cash,... 640
 " Old Malwa, credit,... 640
 " Allowance, Taela, ... 32
 " Old Malwa, credit,... 700
 " Allowance Taela, ... 32

Exchange.

Bank, Wire, 3/8½
 " Demand, 3/8
 " 30 days' sight, 3/8½
 " 4 months' sight, 3/9½
Credits, " " " " " " 3/9½
Documentary 4 months' sight, 3/9½
India, Wire, 22½
 " demand, 27½
Shanghai, demand, 72½
 " 30 days' sight, private 72½
Gold Leaf, 995 fine \$27.70
Sovereigns, \$5.39

Shares.

(For Square Citations, see page 9.)

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Fulcomer & Co.'s Premises,
Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, April 24.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	30.632
Do.	1 P.M.	30.680
Do.	4 P.M.	29.928
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M.	71
Do.	1 P.M.	71
Do.	4 P.M.	71
Do.	(Wet bulb)	70
Do.	Dry.....	70
Do.	Do. 1 P.M. ...	70
Do.	Do. 4 P.M. ...	70
Do.	Maximum	71
Do.	Minimum over night	68

Quantity Taken.	Barometer. Thermometer. Direction of Wind. Force of Wind. Rain. Weather. Remarks.	BAROMETER THERMO- METER. Previus
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CHINA

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3 to 10 heavy. 10 to 12 violent.

Storms of Wind—*W.* Clear blue sky. *U.* Cloudy. *Orizaba.* Clear. *Chalchicomula.* Breeze. *Hail.* L. Lightning. *M. Misly.* O. Overcast. *P.* Passing showers. *Q.* Squally. *R.* Rainy. *S.* Snow. *T.* Thunder. *U.* Bed, threatening. *V.* Violent. *W.* Storm. *X.* The latter letters are repeated to indicate any increase over the mean average of their signification.

Rain.—The hours of rain for the previous 24 hours are here designated from 1 to 24, and the quantity of water fallen indicated in inches, tenths and hundredths.

Shipping Intelligence.

The following lists are corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, and from other sources. Consignees are invited to communicate with the Editor in the event of any inaccuracy occurring in this list as corrected from the papers and other information at his command. The Editor will, at all times, be glad to receive any additions to the list from those who have latter consigns, private or otherwise, than his own.

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT BONGKONG.

Left.	Name.	From.
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Nov.	10.	Hydra,	Hamburg
Dec.	5.	Stillwater,	New York
"	14.	Corea,	London
"	18.	Paul,	Hamburg
Jan.	4.	Truth (s.),	Sunderland
"	5.	Flaming (s.),	Hamburg
"	15.	Carl Riker,	Hamburg
"	17.	Susanne	Cardiff
"	18.	Marathon,	London
"	31.	Belted Will,	London
Feb.	11.	Tanjore,	Cardiff
"	15.	P. J. Carleton,	Cardiff
"	15.	Ice King (s.),	New York
"	17.	Gracian,	Cardiff
"	17.	Lucy A. Nickels,	Hamburg
"	18.	Laure,	Hamburg
"	21.	Emblem (s.),	Cardiff
"	24.	Loudoun Castle (s.),	London
"	28.	Jason (s.),	London
"	28.	Orion (s.),	Trieste
Mar.	2.	Cairnsair (s.),	London
"	3.	Mabel,	New York

" 5, Ethel Caine (s.),	Sunderland
" 6, Douglas (s.)	Aberdeen
" 7, Fritz Wilhelm (s.),	Lamburg
" 11, Ella S. Thayer,	Cardiff
LEFT, BUT DATES OF DEPARTURE UNKNOWN.	
Minnie Allison,	London
Lady Bowen,	Australia
Malrose,	Australia
LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.	
At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.	
Strathleven,	Glenfallach.
Glenfinlas,	
<i>Sailing Vessels.</i>	
Marina,	Malbrek
Nestor (s.)	Menelaus (s.)
Hector (s.)	Glenias (s.)
At Liverpool.	
Hoe Shiu (s.),	At Glasgow.
	Glenogie (s.)
At Cardiff.	
Invincible.	

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OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

"All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review."—*Northern Christian Advocate* (U.S.).

"The China Review" is an excellent table of contents."—*Chinese Empire*.

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Visitors' Column.

We have instituted as an experiment a Visitors' Column, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

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Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (8,000 volumes) and Museum, Free.

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Laistuna Club and Library, Shelley St.

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St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

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St. Peter's Seamen's Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road.

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Sailors' Home, West Point.

E. & A. and China Telegraph Co., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zetland Street.

Victoria Recreation Club—Bath-house and Boat-house, &c.—Praya, beyond the Parade Ground, inside the City Hall.

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For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

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1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900

piculs, per Load, 2.00

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600

piculs, per Day, 2.50

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600

piculs, per Load, 1.75

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

APRIL 24, 1892.

Stocks	No. of Shares	Value	Paid-up	Reserve	Working Account	Last Dividend	Closing Quotations	Cash
BANKS								
H.K. and Shanghai Bank	10,000	125	125	2,100,000	63,630.45	40	111	\$262 3/4
INSURANCE								
Nth. China Ins.	1,000	2,000	2,000	252,000	1,663,706.00	75	71	1200
Yangtze Ins.	1,200	350	350	1,500,488	18,447.56	12	28	600
Union Ins. Soc.	500	2,500	500	381,787	437,688.58	144.27	81	000
China Traders' Insurance	800	1,600	800	475,000	91,928.49	20	21	1000
Cotton Ins. Office	10,000	250	250	100,378	877.42	62	62	250
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,600	1,000	200	100,378	877.42	62	62	250
H.K. Fire Ins.	2,000	1,000	200	823,842	263,403.72	875	825	5
China Fire Ins.	4,000	500	100	493,632	144,535.91	18	18	2924
STEAM SHIP COMPANIES								
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat	8,000	100	75	135,000	18,908.06	6	6	808 1/2
MISCELLANEOUS								
H.K. & W.P. Bank	10,000	125	125	147,563	3,180.53	4	50	premi- [818 1/2] p. sh.
H.K. & W.P. Bank	5,000	10	10	7,480	...	...	...	...
H.K. & W.P. Bank	2,000	100	100	...	5,324.71	810	810	...
H.K. & W.P. Bank	6,000	100	100	...	1,880.51	810	810	...
H.K. & W.P. Bank	1,250	100	100	...	159.31	810	810	...
H.K. & W.P. Bank	7,000	100	100	...	...	...	...	...
LOANS								
Chi. Imp.	187 1/2	6,276 1/2	100	all	8	June 30 Dec 31	...	...
"	187 1/2	16,040 1/2	100	all	8	Feb. 28 Ag. 31	...	...
"	187 1/2	3,899 1/2	500	all	8	April & Oct.	...	...
"	1881	8,565 1/2	500	all	8	Jan 1 & Dec. 1	...	...
Sugar Debentures, 1890	600	500	all	8	June & Dec.	...	...	...

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised January 1st, 1892.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such parcels or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together, except home-fac Simples. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, drafts, corporate notices, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritania, S. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Chili, Venezuela, The Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, Hawaii, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—

Letters, 10 cents per 1/2 oz.

Post Cards, 3 cents each.

Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 3 cents each.

Books, Patterns and 2 cents per 2 oz.

Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Galle, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 6; Books and Patterns, 5.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates for Hongkong, Macao, Canton, Shanghai, Japan, Sumatra, Java, Celebes, Philippines, and other islands.

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4. Bookholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

PARCELS.—The Public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and small presents are not parcelled, but sent by Registered Mail, and are subject to the same regulations as any other parcels.

Local and Indian Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post of Book Rate to Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Macao, Peking, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weigh more than 5 lbs., but not more than 3 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement: "PARCELS CONTAINING NO LETTERS, but parcelled may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the case of Parcels for India a declaration of contents and value is required, a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed or damaged, &c.; Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed: